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ABSTRACT (57)

A urinary catheter assembly is disclosed that comprises a catheter and pliable sheath, which protects at least part of the urethra-insertable portion of the catheter without enclosing the urine outlet of the catheter. In certain embodiments a free end of the catheter is made available to facilitate manipulation of the outlet for collection of a urine specimen. The sheath is attached to the catheter so as to prevent urine from entering the sheath and contaminating the catheter. A catheterization kit containing the catheter assembly is also disclosed, in which several items of equipment from a conventional catheterization kit are obviated, allowing for decreased nursing catheterization time and reduction of risk of urinary tract infection in the patient.

